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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	4344-030873
First Inventor	Keisuke OGURO
Title	"Polymeric Actuator"
Express Mail Label No.	EL 738801288 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS
See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
 - 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
 - 6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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 - Continuation
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Prior application information: Examiner _____

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment to Spring USA Corporation (2 pp.)
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Francis Thomas BRIJA
 Entitled: "Hinged Pot Cover"

Small Entity Status:

Small Entity Statement under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed
 Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27

Enclosed are:

6 sheets of drawings
 Assignment of the invention to: Spring USA Corporation
 Declaration and Power of Attorney
 Non-Publication Request Under 37 C.F.R. §1.213

CLAIMS AS FILED

<u>No. Filed</u>	<u>No. Extra</u>	<u>Small Entity Rate</u>	<u>Non-Small Entity Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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Claims	<u>10</u> -20 = <u>0</u>	x \$ 9.00	x \$ 18.00	\$ <u>0</u>
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Claims	<u>1</u> -3 = <u>0</u>	x \$ 42.00	x \$ 84.00	\$ <u>0</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim/s		+ \$140.00	+ \$280.00	\$ <u>0</u>
Basic Fee		+ \$ 375.00	+ \$750.00	\$ <u>750.00</u>
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SPECIFICATION (4 pp.);
CLAIMS (2 pp.);
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (1 p.);
FIVE (5) SHEETS OF DRAWINGS;
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